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Pentagon Memorial competition draws registrants from around the world

Baltimore — Nearly 2,500 individuals or teams have registered for the competition to select an artistic concept for the Pentagon Memorial, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today. The Corps is conducting the worldwide, anonymous, two-stage competition. Registrations closed earlier this week. Entries are due Sept. 11.

“We are thrilled with the global response,” said Carol Anderson-Austra, project manager. “People from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and about 50 countries on all six inhabited continents have registered for the competition.”

Registrations have come from Russia, Iran, China, India, Chile, South Africa, Turkey and Thailand, to name several distant countries. Closer to the United States, there is also participation from neighboring Canada and Mexico.

Over 2,000 registrants gave U.S. addresses. California and New York lead the way with 252 and 240 registrants respectively, followed by Virginia with 205. Other states range from one to several dozen.

It is necessary to be registered in order to compete, but it is anticipated that all who registered will not submit entries. Competition consultant Reed Kroloff, former editor of Architecture magazine, put the total number of registrations in perspective.

“Typically, about one-third to one-half of registrants send submissions to competitions,” Kroloff said. “It’s possible that we could get higher participation in this competition, but we are expecting at least 800 entries.” He compared this competition to others that drew about 500 entries and were considered to be very large.

All submissions that meet the competition requirements will be judged. Up to five finalists will be chosen in October. They will further develop their concepts, and a final judging will take place in December. The Department of Defense intends to construct the winning proposal on the grounds of the Pentagon near the point of impact.

Charts showing Pentagon Memorial competition registration by geographic area are attached and are also available at the project web site,

<http://pentagonmemorial@nab.usace.army.mil>, in the section marked “Project Related Documents.”